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SUBJ: PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS: PROPAGANDA

REF: A. KABUL 32 B. ISLAMABAD 5216

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH POL COUNSELOR AND VISITING
NEA/PAB OFFICER JUNE 18, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL
(AFGHANISTAN) MANSUR AHMED CONFIRMED PAK AMBASSADOR
ALI ARSHAD'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT ABOUT
INITIAL DIFFICULTIES ON PAK SIDE IN IMPLEMENTING

JUNE 10, AGREEMENT. (REF A). HE NOTED THAT PRIME
MINISTER BHUTTO, WHO WAS TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST
IN MATTER, HAD BEEN ANGERED BY PAK NON-COMPLIANCE,
AN ELEMENT OBVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTING QUICK SORTING
OUT OF THE PROBLEM.

2. EXPLAINING TECHNIQUES GOP USED TO ENSURE
COMPLIANCE, AHMED STATED THAT MFA PROVIDED GENERAL
GUIDANCE BUT THAT ACTUAL GUIDELINES SPECIFYING WHAT
COULD OR COULD NOT BE SAID (SUCH AS THOSE NOTED BY

PESHAWAR EDITOR, REF B) WERE PREPARED BYSCRESS
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INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. ACCORDING TO AHMED, SPECIFIC

GUIDELINES WERE NOT CLEARED BY MFA.

3. AHMED EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH GOA COMPLIANCE RECORD TO DATE. HE SAID THERE WERE SOME BORDERLINE CASES, BUT HE WASN'T PARTICULARLY TROUBLED BY THEM.

4. UNLIKE AFGHAN CHARGE SHERZOY, WHO SAW JUNE 10 AGREEMENT AS AN ISOLATED MOVE WHICH WOULD HAVE NO IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS DIVIDING GOA AND GOP, AHMED STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENT IN IMPROVING AFGHAN-PAK ATMOSPHERICS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO FURTHER ADVANCES, INITIALLY IN THE PROPAGANDA AREA.
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